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HEADLINE : "SED PRESSURE IS THE REASON FOR THE FLIGHT OF
PROFESSORS -- 95 PROFESSORS HAVE LEFT EAST GERMANY
SINCE MARCH -- ALL UNIVERSITIES AND TECHNICAL
CPYRGHT SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN AFFECTED"

All East German universities, technical schools, and academies have been affected by the flight of scientists, which has risen so dramatically in the last six weeks.

This is shown by the backgrounds of the 95 professors who registered at the refugee reception center at Berlin-Marienfelde between 1 March and 18 April. The ages of these academic refugees indicate no particular predominance of a single age group.

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The oldest of the refugees was the 79-year-old Professor for Classical Archaeology, Herbert Koch, who headed the Archaeological Institute for the University of Halle-Wittenberg until 1949, and after his retirement ran the administration of the Institute until 1953. His wife, Hanna Koch, also an employee of the Institute, fled with him.

Almost unanimous agreement characterizes the scientists' statements as to the main motive behind their decision to flee: they could no longer tolerate teaching and conducting research according to the orders and under the ever tightening controls of the SED.

The IWE (Informationsbureau West) has given the following incomplete list of the former posts of the refugees of the last six weeks:

University of Halle - Assistant Professors Stoll and
Moerz

Humboldt University, East Berlin - Asst. Professors
Scholz and Franke

University of Greifswald - The director of the Institute for Physical Education, Dreischang, and his assistants Perleberg and Schoen, as well as Asst. Prof. Scholz of the Faculty for Chemistry

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University of Leipzig - Lector Ullrich and Asst. Prof.
Lassen

University of Jena - Lector Herrmann

Freiberg Mining Academy - Prof Naumann

Dresden Technical School - Asst. Prof. Menzel

East German Academy of Sciences (East Berlin) -
Schubert, Michaelis and
Behnsdorf

The German Construction Academy - Radicke

Academy for Social Hygiene (East Berlin) - the meteor-
ologist Bolander

The Architecture School - Engineer Ressel, who served
in 1956 as head of the depart-
ment for city-planning in North
Korea

Dresden Medical Academy - Chief Doctor Hoermann

Central Pedagogical Institute, East Berlin - Asst. Prof.
Forstner

Wildau Engineering School - Professor Doering